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Washington, D.C. 20231

PETITION AND FEE FOR AUTOMATIC EXTENSION OF TIME
UNDER 37 CFR 1.17, 1.136(a) AND 35 USC 41(a)8

Sir:

Applicants hereby petition the Asst. Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for filing a response to the outstanding Office Action by two months. Enclosed is our check No. 15571 which includes the amount of \$410 for the petition fee in accordance with 37 CFR 1.17 computed as:

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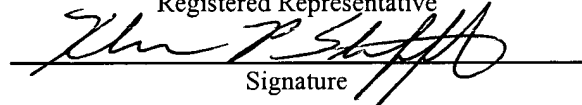
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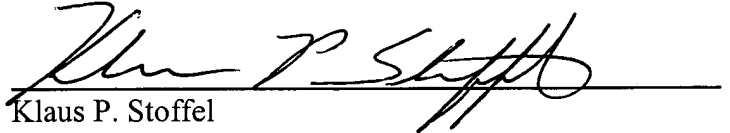

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